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For: TRANSMISSION ORIGIN APPARATUS,
TRANSMISSION DESTINATION
APPARATUS, INFORMATION
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, AND METHOD
FOR RECOGNIZING SYSTEM IN
INFORMATION TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

LETTER

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Sir:

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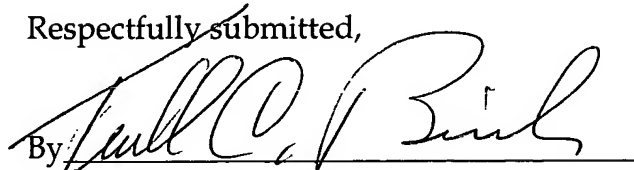
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02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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| Applicant's or agent's file reference PH-1605-PCT | FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416) | |
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| Applicant SHARP KABUSHIKI KAISHA | | |

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I ☒ Basis of the report
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
 - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/01128

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
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- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
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- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
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- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-4 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | | YES |
| | Claims | 1-4 | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-4 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 2001-236252, A (Sharp Corp.), 31 August, 2001 (31.08.01), full text, all drawings
Document 2: JP, 2002-49634, A (Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.), 15 February, 2002 (15.02.02), full text, all drawings

Claims 1-4

Document 1 describes, "an image forming device (transfer-from apparatus) of a system for transferring files, provided with an identification file producing means for producing an identification file with an ID specifying the transfer-from party recorded in it in addition to the file to be transferred." Furthermore, the document also describes "an image data management device (transfer-to apparatus) of a system for transferring files, provided with (1) a monitoring means for identifying the identification file and (2) a means for transferring files other than the identification file based on the identification result by the said monitoring means."

Moreover, document 2 describes, "When a file is read, it is detected that the file has a standardized folder structure."

Moreover, as described in document 2, it is usually practiced that a cable of a standardized interface standard is used to connect a transfer-from apparatus and a transfer-to apparatus, for transferring a file. A serial interface of USB or the like as an interface standard is also well known.

So, it is considered to be obvious for a person skilled in the art to arrive at the subject matters of claims 1-4 based on documents 1 and 2. Therefore, the subject matters of claims 1-4 do not appear to involve an inventive step.